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The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 49/1 of 17 October 1994, 59/20 of 8 November 2004, 61/48 of 4 December 2006, 63/200 of 19 December 2008, 65/316 of 12 September 2011 and 67/303 of 16 September 2013,

Recognizing the key role the Pacific Islands Forum continues to play in promoting sustainable development, environmental protection, good governance and peace and security in the Pacific through regional cooperation,

Taking note, in this regard, of the Framework for Pacific Regionalism adopted by Pacific Islands Forum leaders in July 2014 as a vital part of the sustainable development blueprint for the Pacific region,

Reaffirming the outcome documents of the third International Conference on Small Island Developing States, the Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction and the third International Conference on Financing for Development, welcoming the agreement on the outcome document of the United Nations summit for the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda, and looking forward to its adoption and implementation,

Recognizing the important role and contribution of the United Nations system in the Pacific region,

Recalling the unique and particular vulnerabilities of small island developing States and the global commitment to take urgent and concrete action to address those vulnerabilities, including through the sustained and effective implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island

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Developing States,[1] the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action of the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States,[2] and the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway,[3]

Reaffirming the importance of enhanced high-level dialogue between the members of the Pacific Islands Forum and the United Nations, including regular meetings between the Secretary-General of the United Nations and Forum leaders, and recalling with appreciation the first-ever participation by a Secretary-General at a Forum, at the forty-second Forum, held on 7 and 8 September 2011 in Auckland, New Zealand, and summit meetings between the Secretary-General and Forum leaders held in New York on 26 September 2012 and 26 September 2014,

Noting with appreciation the report of the Secretary-General on cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations,[4]

1. *Encourages* the scheduling of the next meeting between the Secretary-General and Pacific Islands Forum leaders no later than 2015;

2. *Recalls* the joint statements issued by Pacific Islands Forum leaders and the Secretary-General on 7 September 2011, 26 September 2012 and 29 September 2014, and urges further progress towards their practical implementation in a timely manner;

3. *Urges* the United Nations system to align its work programmes and operations to support internationally agreed outcomes, including the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway,[3] the Addis Ababa Action Agenda[5] and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, in the Pacific region;

4. *Encourages* continued support from the United Nations system for the efforts of Pacific States and relevant regional organizations to achieve sustainable development, and calls for greater accountability and regular reporting of the support provided by the United Nations system, including through its regional and country programmes, to Pacific Island States;

5. *Welcomes* the progress towards enhancing cooperation between the United Nations and the Pacific Islands Forum and its associated institutions;

6. *Notes with appreciation* the work being undertaken by the Joint Inspection Unit on the comprehensive review of United Nations system support for small island developing States, and looks forward to the findings of the review and the recommendations thereon regarding the sustainable development challenges of the Pacific small island developing States with a view to enhancing the overall effectiveness of such support;

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[1] *Report of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, Bridgetown, Barbados, 25 April-6 May 1994* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.94.I.18 and corrigenda), chap. I, resolution 1, annex II.

[2] *Report of the International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, Port Louis, Mauritius, 10-14 January 2005* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.05.II.A.4 and corrigendum), chap. I, resolution 1, annex II.

[3] Resolution 69/15, annex.

[4] A/69/228-S/2014/560.

[5] Resolution 69/313, annex.

7. *Stresses*, in that regard, the value of enhanced close cooperation and coordination between the programmes and activities of the United Nations system and Pacific Islands Forum members, the Forum secretariat and associated institutions, welcomes recent efforts by United Nations and regional agencies in the Pacific to enhance cooperation through joint activities, working groups and other means, and encourages further practical steps to enhance such cooperation and coordination;

8. *Reiterates* the importance of an enhanced and effective United Nations presence, particularly at the country level, in the Pacific region;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its seventy-first session a report on the implementation of the present resolution;

10. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-first session, under the item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations", the sub-item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Pacific Islands Forum".